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CAN WE DO BUSINESS WITH TITO?

by

O. JOHN ROGGE and BOGDAN RADITSA

O. John Rogge, prominent attorney, former Assistant Attorney General, and participant in pro-Soviet conferences, is now a registered representative of Tito's Yugoslavian Government in the U.S. He has just returned from Belgrade -- has broken with Moscow. Bogdan Raditsa, once an ardent Tito supporter and one-time chief of Tito's Yugoslavian Information Service, today is a well-known writer and university lecturer on Yugoslavia. Next Wednesday these protagonists will discuss the Tito regime as it affects the U.S. in two hard-hitting, factual talks. Don't miss this thought-provoking discussion on a pressing international issue.

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: O F F I C I A L :

Correspondents Fund Meeting Town Hall Club Friday, June 16, 12:15 P. M.
 House Committee Meeting Clubrooms. Tuesday, June 20, 5:45 P. M.
 Public Relations Committee Meeting . . . Clubrooms. Thursday, June 22, 5:45 P.M.

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB PROTESTS MOVE
TO PLACE NEWSMEN ON GERMAN ECONOMY

OPC Joins Berlin Correspondents
 In Asking U. S. Officials
 To Abandon Plan

The Overseas Press Club this week registered a vigorous protest with the State and Defense Departments against placing American correspondents on the German economy. The plan, which would curtail certain housing and commissary privileges, is scheduled to take effect on July 1.

In telegrams sent to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and John J. McCloy, U. S. High Commissioner for Germany, on June 15, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER urged the respective officials to cancel orders which, he said, "would not only mean discrimination against U. S. newsmen but would place serious obstacles in the way of their covering the news effectively and completely." The message said the Overseas Press Club was acting in the interests of its membership of "700 active and former foreign correspondents."

The OPC action followed by several days filing of similar protests by the American Correspondents Association of Berlin. Early this week the Club received a radiogram from Lyford Moore, acting secretary of the Association, soliciting OPC cooperation in the effort to prevent placing newsmen on the over-taxed German economy. The radiogram pointed out that foreign diplomatic missions, including Russian satellite representatives of Poland and

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Czechoslovakia, continue to draw housing and commissary privileges from the Western Occupation powers. It also noted that the State Department has ruled Berlin "an emergency region" for employes assigned to the city.

Also, in a letter to Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, American Commandant in Berlin, the newspapermen objected that the divided city presents a different problem from the Western occupation zones. They recalled that the State and Defense Departments "have recognized the peculiar and abnormal character of the Berlin assignment" by restoring a 10 percent pay differential to employes who work there. "We believe that Berlin is an emergency region," the news-men said, "differing from the rest of Germany."

Since early this year the Overseas Press Club has kept a watchful eye on developments in Germany which might jeopardize news and radio coverage by American correspondents. Just last week, on June 10, The Bulletin published an exclusive interview with Ralph Nicholson, HICOG director of public affairs, with details of the new regulations to go into effect on July 1. Other efforts initiated by the OPC to safeguard rights of correspondents in Germany have been reported regularly in The Bulletin.

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MACARTHUR CONTEMPLATES
"NO CHANGE" IN STATUS
OF REPORTERS IN JAPAN

In reply to requests for clarification of the status of American correspondents under the Allied occupation in Japan, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on June 12 declared that no change in the existing situation is contemplated. His statement follows: "There

is no change whatsoever in mind nor has there been nor will there be in the policies with reference to correspondents in these matters, and absolutely no consideration has been or will be given to any change in the security processes so far as correspondents are concerned; these processes have been in effect since the beginning of the occupation and apparently have been entirely satisfactory to everyone concerned. No thought is entertained by this headquarters of the slightest deviation from past procedures."

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- COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED -

Two special events will be featured the week of June 25, it was announced today by SANFORD GRIFFITH, Program Committee Chairman. On Wednesday, June 28, Oscar Ewing, Federal Security Administrator and contestant for the New York gubernatorial nomination, will speak in the North Room of Town Hall.

The next day, Thursday, the Club will play host to Maharajah Jam Saheb of Nawanagar at a cocktail party from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. The Maharajah, new Governor of Savrashttra, a union of several Indian states including his own, for many years was a leading potentate among the Indian royalty. A former Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes and now a member of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations, the Maharajah will speak on changes in the Princely States and answer questions.

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"SPOTLIGHT ON SCANDINAVIA"
ON TELEVISION SHOW SUNDAY

Four men and women who have lived, traveled and worked in the Scandinavian countries will discuss the future and problems of this bloc of Northern European states before the Overseas Press Club Television cameras on Sunday. Two are natives of Scandinavian nations; Bent Sally, well-known Danish newspaper correspondent who represents the Scandinavian nations; Bent Sally, well-known Danish newspaper correspondent who represents the Berlingske Tidende in the U. S., and George Hedman, former Swedish newspaper writer and now representative in New York for Scandinavian Air Lines. The other guests are Mrs. Elsa Kruuse, an American newspaper woman who married Baron Sigvard Kruuse of the Swedish diplomatic service, and who was special correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor from '47 to '50, covering Scandinavia and Finland; and TEMPLE FIELDING, magazine writer, lecturer, author of "Fielding's 1950 Travel Guide to Europe" and president of the Association of Magazine Writers. OPC President LOCHNER will be moderator. (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, Sunday, June 18, 5-5:30 PM, EDT).

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: Veteran Member GREGOR ZIEMER recently returned from a business trip to Switzerland, France, Belgium and Germany, where he visited the Frankfurt Industrial Fair. The Rotarian for May carried a ZIEMER piece; another will follow shortly...Just back from Norway, Denmark and Italy is THEO FINDAHL who reports conditions much improved "thanks to the Marshall aid"...Off to Lourdes to seek story possibilities with an American psychology angle is GRETTA PALMER; then she goes to Rome for Holy Year festivities...SONIA TOMARA left last week for her home in Nuremberg, accompanied by her husband, Judge William Clark. While in New York, she addressed the N. Y. Newspaperwomen's Club...

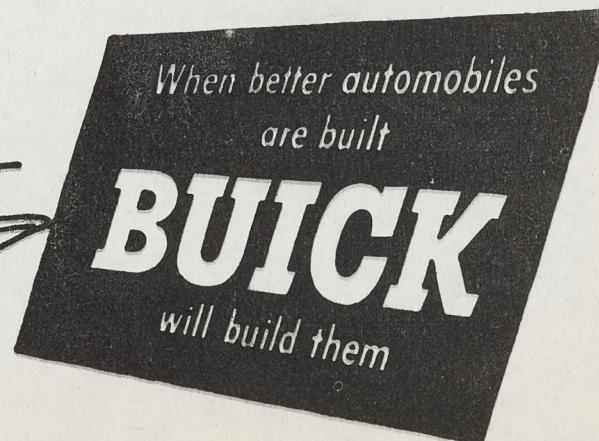
ANY OPC MEMBER desiring a secretary or administrative assistant with foreign experience and language qualifications might be interested to know that Miss Jeanette Dessau, formerly with the U.S. Embassy in London, is now in New York and reachable through LEON PEARSON, NBC, CIrcle 7-8300, Extension 527.

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BEN GROSS's piece about conductor Don Voorhees, "Musical Thoroughbred", will appear in the July 1 Collier's. GROSS is radio and television editor of the New York Daily News... Speaking of television, grapevine has it that RICHARD THOMAS, now scripting newscasts for WQXR, will shortly come up with a revolutionary new development in TV news announcing. The system eliminates all use of script, signs on wall, etc., and yet permits announcer to look the televiwer straight in the eye --- while giving him a fresh summary of the latest news!... MAX DESFOR, for the last nine months AP correspondent in Rome, dropped in to say "hello" this week. After spending the last three years in the Middle East, DESFOR will be assigned to the AP's Miami slot sometime next month...

"FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS", a personal review by H. V. KALTENBORN, comes off Putnam's presses in October...SIDNEY HERTZBERG has just been named special correspondent in the U. S. for the Hindustan Times of New Delhi and associated newspapers...SIMON MICHAEL BESSIE is back at his Harpers' desk after three months in France, Italy, Germany and England...

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER

From Tel Aviv ARTHUR D. HOLZMAN reports he's on the spot to do various press and radio assignments for CBS, McGraw-Hill, Pathfinder magazine and others. His documentary film, "Report from Israel", will shortly be shown nation-wide in Paramount theaters...A dispatch from PHILIP W. WHITCOMB in Paris: "Members like the new Press Center which the Army's PID opened the middle of May at 15 Zeppelin Allee in Frankfurt...Disadvantage is, it's far from the center of town, and even from HICOG and Frankfurt Military Post headquarters, though it's only a few blocks from the Press Club...Building is pleasantly situated, rooms are all newly painted and the general effect both dignified and practical. A good feature is a large message center where there are many pigeon-holes to keep mail from going into a tangle as it did in the Park Hotel. Also there are separate rooms for facilities, accreditation and information...Specially for correspondents, in addition to the information room, is a reading room and work room with typewriters and papers..." ...At the London Big Three talks and Atlantic Council sessions, IRIS CARPENTER writes, ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK found her toughest "assignment" was to the VIP hotel -- which British have dubbed the "Cripps Arms", and where correspondents found its half-width corridors to be really the extreme in "austerity". She also reports that even such stalwarts as the AP's WES GALLAGHER now accept women news-hounds with equanimity. IRIS covered the beat from the news point of view for the Voice of America and INP-(International Press Division). She's now back with the State Department in Washington.

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ROGER SHAW piloted a British M.G. in the Bridgehampton, L.I., road race on June 10. Reports finishing without accident, also without prize; "Italian cars are faster", he comments... "Seeds of Treason", co-authored by VICTOR LASKY, hit the No. 1 spot on the non-fiction best-seller list in the Washington Star last week...GEORGE W. HERALD has just completed a series of articles which will be released nationally by United Features on July 4...An article by GERALDINE FITCH, "Russia's Aid to Chinese Reds", appeared in the June 3 New Leader...

BOOK NOTES

Among books received recently by the Overseas Press Club Library are the following:

"The Culture of Industrial Man" by Paul Meadows, published by Nebraska University Press
 "1950 Year Book of Motion Pictures" presented by JOHN W. ALICOATE, publisher of Radio Daily

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IN PREPARING NEWS ITEMS, please remember that The Bulletin's deadline is Wednesday noon. Material received at OPC Headquarters after that hour cannot be guaranteed publication in the current week's Bulletin. Note: The Editor particularly needs items about members on foreign assignment for "The Overseas Ticker" department...FLASH: On Wednesday, VICTOR LASKY and Frederick Woltman, both of the New York World Telegram and Sun, signed a contract to write "The Amerasia Case" for E. P. Dutton. The authors are working against a September deadline...

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BRITISH BRAND OF SOCIALISM
IS FAR FROM TOTALITARIANISM,
ACCORDING TO DINNER SPEAKERS

"How to Live in England and Like It" was the topic of HERBERT MATTHEWS, former New York Times London correspondent, who spoke before more than 70 OPC Members and their guests at Toots Shor's Restaurant on June 14. His report: "The British have as much or more democracy under a Socialist regime as we have under capitalism." MATTHEWS, who co-authored with Mrs. Matthews the recent book, "Assignment to Austerity", declared that nothing has occurred within the last five years in Britain to justify expressed fears of conservatives and liberals. "The nationalization of some industries," MATTHEWS said, "is one of the few measures that can really be called socialistic; but only 20 percent of industry has been nationalized." He also stated that controls have been disappearing and that "economic planning is very sketchy". MATTHEWS further said he thought the Socialists might "come back strong" at the next election and stay in power for decades.

Other speakers at the dinner emphasized the non-Communist tone of British socialism. "The Communist hates the Socialist even more than he hates the capitalist", said Sean O'Loughlin, acting director of the British Information Service's Reference Division. He also asserted that, instead of washing away Britain's pre-war trade, the Attlee Government had recovered "by more than 70 percent of volume over prewar." Chaim Raphael, senior economic information officer in the U. S. for the British Government, cited "careful planning" as the key to success in British experimentation with a "deficit economy."

Likewise, Mrs. Abbey Bromley, wife of an Oxford professor, reported a hopeful outlook on the part of British women. Although she has less domestic help today, she said, she has found compensations in a situation "which gives scope for a woman's natural gifts of ingenuity, good humor and real home-making."

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor